

4 December 1953

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Dear Sir:

The subject contract entered into on 9 June 1953 provides for commencement of work on 15 June 1953 and completion thereof within 180 days except for shop and storage space in the Auxiliary Building which is to be completed within 90 days after commencement of work.

The contract completion date is 12 December 1953.

The construction progress reports to 20 November 1953 indicate the following:

Operations Building - 35% complete - 10% progress since 22 Oct.

Rough Grading - 40% complete - No progress since 29 Oct.

Incinerator - 95% complete - No progress since 29 Oct.

Auxiliary Building - 95% complete - No progress since 6 Nov.

The above progress evidences unsatisfactory performance of the contract and indicates that the contract completion date will not be met.

Attention is directed to my letter of 16 September 1953 in which you were advised of the urgent need of the Government to occupy the premises at the earliest possible date and further requested that you submit without delay a progress schedule and dates for submission of shop drawings and delivery of all principal construction materials and equipment.

The request covering the shop drawings schedule has not been complied with to date. The construction progress schedule as submitted during the early part of September has not been maintained.

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No extension of time for contract modifications was requested or authorized as these items had no bearing on the contract completion date.

A general strike existed for a period of 20 days between 23 June and 13 July 1953 for which no extension of time was requested. However, in view of the present status of the contract, an extension of the contract time may be allowed for this period as being a factor beyond the control of the contractor.

You are directed to promptly submit to this office for consideration, revised schedules covering construction progress, material deliveries, shop drawings, and complete information as to the present status of construction.

Unless satisfactory assurance is promptly presented that the work will be diligently prosecuted and completed within a reasonable time limit, with due consideration being given to any extraordinary conditions, the Government may, at its discretion, undertake to complete the work in accordance with the provisions of Article 9 of the contract.

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Very truly yours,

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Contracting Officer

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